

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

**SANITIZED
COPY
FOLLOWS**

Page Denied

Sanitized Copy

Sanitized Copy

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

SECRET

*****S COPY

OP IMMED
DE WTE #3411 2882316
O 152302Z OCT 73
FM THE SITUATION ROOM WASHINGTON 47

TO USLO PEKING

SECRET SENSITIVE EYES ONLY WH32504

VIA [REDACTED] 3.3(b)(1) NSC
EO 12958 OCTOBER 15, 1973

TO: AMBASSADOR BRUCE *as amended*
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

I MET WITH HAN HSU SUNDAY EVENING TO INFORM THE CHINESE ON A
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT IN LIGHT OF MASSIVE SOVIET AIRLIFT OF WAR
MATERIALS TO SYRIA AND IRAQ WE WERE STARTING U.S. AIRLIFT TO
ISRAEL, CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF CONSUMABLES. I EMPHASIZED OUR
DESIRE TO COUNTERACT SOVIET EFFORTS TO GAIN PREDOMINANT INFLUENCE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO
BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT CONTRIBUTES
TO A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA.

HAN RESPONDED BY REFERRING TO THE CHINESE POSITION ON THE MIDDLE
EAST AS EXPRESSED IN SPEECHES BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY
COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALSO NOTED THAT CHOU EN-LAI HAD
MET WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS AND SENT CABLES OF SUPPORT TO ASAD AND
SADAT.

WARM REGARDS.

240

***** HSR COMMENT *****

CYS TO: RODMAN, MCFARLANE, HOWE, L. RO